

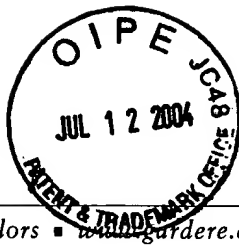
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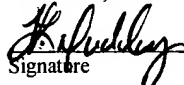
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BIODEGRADABLE MICROSPHERES AS CARRIERS OF BIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES
Serial No.: 09/671540
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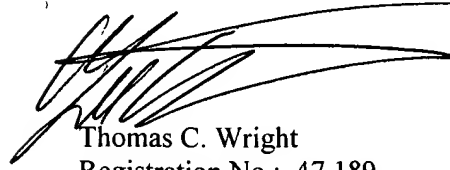
Enclosed for filing in connection with the above-referenced patent application are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Response To Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment (10 pp.); and
2. Return Postcard.

Please file the above-referenced document and return the date-stamped postcard to our office at the above address. It is believed that no additional fees are due. If this is incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 07-0153.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments concerning any of the above, please call the undersigned at your convenience. Otherwise, please accept the enclosed.

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Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Dated June 22, 2004



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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 22, 2004. Pursuant to the requirements of the Notice, Applicants submit a corrected Listing of claims, including the text of Claims 19-22 and enclose:

Amendments to the Claims beginning on page two (2) of this paper; and

Conclusion beginning on page ten (10) of this paper.